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SUBJECT: PRESS QUERIES ON AGEE AND HOSENBALL

IF QUERIED, WE PLAN TO RESPOND ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO  
QUESTIONS REGARDING BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO  
DEPORT PHILIP AGEE AND MARK HOSENBALL.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO  
DEPORT AGEE AND HOSENBALL?

A. FROM THE BEGINNING, WE HAVE CONSIDERED THIS TO BE  
PURELY A BRITISH INTERNAL MATTER AND THEREFORE WE HAVE NO  
COMMENT.

Q. WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

A. YOU WILL HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH MESSRS.  
AGEE AND HOSENBALL AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

Q. WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO?

A. IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE, WE WOULD TAKE NO  
STEPS UNLESS REQUESTED TO DO SO BY MESSRS. AGEE AND  
HOSENBALL OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. WHAT, IF ANYTHING,  
WE WOULD DO WOULD DEPEND ENTIRELY ON THE NATURE OF THEIR  
REQUESTS. WE HAVE HAD NO SUCH REQUESTS TO DATE.

Q. IN CASE OF SUCH REQUESTS, WHAT WOULD BE THE BOUNDARIES  
WITHIN WHICH YOU WOULD BE OPERATING?

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A. WITHOUT IN ANY WAY COMMENTING ON THE AGEE OR HOSENBALL  
CASES, OR WITHOUT SUGGESTING WHAT WE MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT  
DO IN THESE SPECIFIC CASES, NORMAL PROCEDURE IS AS  
FOLLOWS: WE WOULD TAKE STEPS ONLY IF WE FELT THAT A  
PERSON HAD RECEIVED UNEQUAL TREATMENT BECAUSE OF THE FACT  
THAT HE WAS AN AMERICAN OR BECAUSE HIS RIGHTS HAD BEEN  
VIOLATED.

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